





a whole company of women preparing, and appeared a whole set of  
dishes for a visit at the graves. I warned them, persuaded & exhorted  
and they heard very patiently, & she often even seriously talking  
had a good repetition of the gospel to a woman & her 2 children  
& another boy who came in, expressing a desire of reading some  
portion of my books, heard & partly read the chief parts of  
our faith. - Had a good talk with two women <sup>from</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>grave</sup>  
where a bright soul resides, but she was out to-day - Had  
an excellent hearing & partly reading of an old grave  
guard. The man heard the gospel repeatedly in the guardhouse  
before several graves in the neighboring cemetery. This ap-  
pears to be a branch of industry for good, respectable &  
pious people. They are gathering at the graves of the better class  
for the first 50 days after a recent demise, a hut being  
erected in the graveyard to accommodate the mourners, who are  
busy in bringing eatable <sup>to the dead</sup> sacrifices, but this turns in reality  
by and substantial food for the mourners & guards.

We were closely followed by a set of overlookers; but  
they rather more respectful than our usual footmen, but were  
indifferent as to our talk and opportunity through them, moving about  
exclusively in every part <sup>of the</sup> <sup>graveyard</sup>. - Among the graves, which  
was to-day interrupted by our visitors, I also had three con-  
versations. - Three more Japanese gentlemen came in, & a full proof  
that they bring Cochinchina here I will only mention, that their  
arrival is as insignificant as <sup>the</sup> <sup>others</sup>. In all the surrounding

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